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MOON WINS DELAY IN GOING TO PRISON
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A lawyer for the Rev. Sun Myung Moon won a month's delay Monday of the Korean evangelist's 18-month prison term so he can propose alternatives to incarceration.

Moon of Tarrytown, N.Y., had been scheduled to surrender to federal authorities on June 18 after exhausting all appeals of his 1982 conviction for failing to pay personal income tax on \$2 million kept in New York bank accounts.

Moon's attorney, Michael McAllister, asked Judge Gerard Goettel in U.S. District Court in Manhattan to delay the beginning of the sentence so the lawyer could propose alternatives to incarceration for the 64-year-old Korean evangelist.

Goettel granted the request and set a new surrender date for July 20.

McAllister also told the judge that he would not seek a new trial in the case as had been speculated shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court last month declined to review Moon's appeal of his conviction.

The founder of the controversial church had contended that he was unfairly tried by jurors prejudiced against him and his religion. Moon claimed that although the bank accounts were in his name, the money belonged to the church.

At a meeting earlier Monday, several religious and civil liberties leaders, including former Sen. Eugene McCarthy, protested government intrusion into church affairs, citing Moon's case as the most serious example of a growing tide of government interference in religion.

McCarthy was joined by other political and religious figures at Manhattan's Grand Hyatt Hotel for a rally attended by more than 400 people.

The IRS "has been gaining more and more authority over every aspect of life in this country," said the one-time presidential candidate from Minnesota.

The agency's tax code already has defined art, education and family, he said.

"For the first time in a significant way, it has moved in on religion," McCarthy said. "It can now determine what is religion."

The former senator said religion was intended to be a "separate force in America" but that "progressively in recent years that separation has been eroded."

McCarthy compared the domestic threat of the IRS to the foreign threat of the Central Intelligence Agency, which he said "operates outside the normal laws."

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